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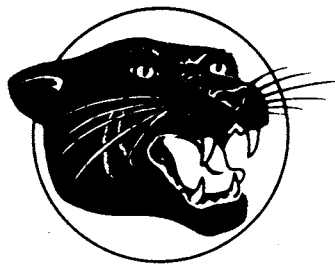
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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's Darla Farthing (Oakland) ended her collegiate basketball career abruptly.

"It's unfortunate that her career had to end on an injury," EIU head coach Bobbie Hilke said. "With her reoccurring foot injuries, she had to play with a lot of pain.

"It was a good move for her to get out of basketball. We don't want lifetime problems to develop for any of our players," Hilke added.

Farthing was able to play in only eight contests this season, but when she was in the lineup, she made a definite contribution to the Panther cause.

"Darla was our best defensive post player," Hilke said. "She was the type of team player that we really needed at the end of the season. She was an emotional leader for us and a real student of the game."

Farthing scored 12 points with 19 rebounds this season as she finished her career with 171 points and 179 boards in 59 games. She hit 42.1 percent of her field goals and 72.8 percent of her free throws during her injury-riddled career.